

Public Law 102-98
102d Congress

An Act

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a national historic landmark theme study on African American history.

Aug. 17, 1991
[H.R. 904]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

African
American
History
Landmark
Theme Study
Act.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "African American History Landmark Theme Study Act".

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SEC. 2. THEME STUDY.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall prepare and transmit to the Congress a national historic landmark theme study on African American history (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "theme study").

(b) The purpose of the theme study shall be to identify the key sites in the history and experience of those Americans who trace their origins to Africa so that all Americans will gain better understanding of American history.

(c) In the theme study, the Secretary shall identify, evaluate, and nominate as national historic landmarks the districts, sites, buildings, and structures and landscapes that illustrate or commemorate African American history.

(d) On the basis of the theme study, the Secretary shall—

(1) identify possible new park units appropriate to the theme of African American history; and

(2) prepare a list of the most appropriate sites, including a discussion of the feasibility and suitability of their inclusion in the National Park System.

(e) The theme study shall be completed not later than 3 years after the date funds are made available for such study.

SEC. 3. CONSULTATION.

The Secretary shall prepare the theme study in consultation with scholars of African American history and historic preservationists.

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SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

(a) The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with one or more scholarly and public historic organizations to—

(1) prepare the theme study; and

(2) ensure that the theme study is prepared in accordance with generally accepted scholarly standards.

(b) The scholarly and public historic organization or organizations described in subsection (a) shall be—

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- (1) knowledgeable of African American history; and
- (2) recognized in the scholarly community as adhering to generally accepted scholarly standards.

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SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out this Act.

Approved August 17, 1991.

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